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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Department of Natural Resources Office of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: EMERGENCY APPLICATION

Duhon 3 Sand, Reservoirs H and F

ABBEVILLE FIELD

Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Republic Resources, L.L.C., to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Duhon 3 Sand, Reservoir H and Reservoir F, in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

- 1. To dissolve the existing drilling and production unit created for the Duhon 3 Sand, Reservoir H, by Office of Conservation Order No. 155-A-18 and to simultaneously create a revised single drilling and production unit of approximately 12.3 Acres for the Duhon 3 Sand, Reservoir F, SUC, in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.
- 2. To designate an operator for the Duhon 3 RF SUC.
- 3. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation No. 155-A-15 shall remain in full force and effect.
- 4. To discuss any other matters that may be pertinent to this application as shown by the evidence presented at the hearing held on this matter.

The Duhon 3 Sand, in the Abbeville Field, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 155-A-15, effective September 17, 1991.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for **POSTING** of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and will cause the legal notice of the hearing to be **PUBLISHED** in a newspaper of general circulation published in the vicinity of the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY**, from Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505 (337) 233-9839.

The Commissioner of Conservation has waived the 20 days preapplication notice in connection with this application and a conference to discuss the proposed unit and the basis thereof is hereby scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2003, in the offices of Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, 625 E. Kaliste Saloom Road, Suite 301, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508.

There is no requirement for persons receiving this notice to attend or be represented at this conference. This is merely an invitation to all known Interested Parties to attend the conference should they so desire.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, a list of names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom this application is being sent is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy. A diligent effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties as required by the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Finally, there is enclosed our check on behalf of the applicant, Republic Resources, L.L.C., in the sum of \$755.00 payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Sincerely,

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LEC/cu Enclosures

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Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties

